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COMMUNITY PASTURES

AND

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION THEREOF

PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING

1. The Provincial Governments assume the responsibility for the selection of areas of submarginal land for use as Community Pastures and make recommendations duly supported by maps and local statistics to the Minister of Agriculture of the Government of Canada.

2. The Government of Canada, if the representation seems satisfactory, shall proceed to make surveys of such areas as to:

(a) Farms affected in the proposed pasture; farms benefited in the surrounding area; and full information as to ownership and occupants.

(b) Livestock—numbers, kind and quality.

(c) Grass and water supply.

(d) Stock-carrying capacity—actual and potential.

(e) Estimate as to rehabilitation costs for water development, regrassing, fencing, removal of buildings and other construction.

(f) Necessary steps to acquire full control of land.

(g) A statement as to the need and the usefulness of the proposed pasture.

3. Should the Government of Canada, having received the above survey, determine to proceed with the project, it shall so advise the Province concerned.

4. The Provincial Governments shall then assist the Government of Canada in getting control of all Provincial lands involved in this Community Pasture, as set out in the Agreements between the Government of Canada and the Provinces.

5. The Government of Canada shall then proceed with the construction of all necessary works toward the establishment of Community Pastures, including fencing, corrals, water development, etc.

6. A thorough investigation shall be made by the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration and shall form the basis of the carrying capacity of the pasture for the guidance of the Advisory Committee hereinafter mentioned.

7. When Community Pasture construction is completed and the pasture is ready for operation, a public community pasture meeting shall be called for the purpose of organizing a community pasture grazing association.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF COMMUNITY PASTURES

### 1. Organization Meeting of Community Pasture Grazing Associations

(a) A chairman shall be appointed by the meeting.

(b) A secretary shall be appointed by the meeting who will act until such time as a pasture manager is appointed by the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration.

(c) A representative of the P.F.R.A. will outline to the meeting the duties and responsibilities of a community pasture grazing association, and full details in connection with the operation of the pasture.

(d) A motion shall be passed that a voluntary community pasture association will be formed and suggested names for the pasture shall be submitted for consideration by the said Administration.

(e) A provisional Advisory Committee composed of five residents of the Municipality or Municipalities in which the community pasture is located shall be elected by this meeting. This committee shall hold office until the first Annual Meeting of pasture patrons is held. In electing this provisional Committee every effort shall be made to nominate only probable users of the community pasture and residing so as to give the district equitable representation. This Committee, on behalf of the Association, is authorized to sign a community pasture agreement with the Government of Canada.

(f) The Association shall pass a resolution agreeing on the breed of bulls required to head up the pasture.

(g) Recommendations shall be passed as to whether or not the Community Pasture shall be made into a Provincial Game Preserve, subject to Provincial authorization.

(h) Recommendations shall also be considered in regard to dehorning, live-stock insurance, warble and horn fly control, etc.

(i) Other business.

(j) Adjournment.

### 2. Duties of Advisory Committee

(a) The Advisory Committee shall meet immediately after the organization meeting and elect one of their number chairman of the Committee.

(b) The Community Pasture Manager appointed by the said Administration will act as Secretary for the Committee and for the Association and shall *ex-officio* be a member of the Committee.

(c) The Committee shall hold at least two official meetings each year. One meeting shall be held immediately following March 15 to approve pasture and breeding applications and to review the summer season's pasture activities.

(d) The second meeting shall be held at the end of the summer season so that the past season's operations can be discussed and recommendation made regarding future changes and improvements.

(e) These two meetings being official, the members of the Committee shall be paid a per diem allowance of \$10.00 per meeting to cover out-of-pocket expenses for attending same. The Committee may hold other meetings if desired but the per diem allowance applies only to the two designated meetings.

(f) The advisory Committee shall allocate pasture privileges on the basis of need in the following manner:

(i) First pasture privileges will be given to any farmer who has been moved out of the pasture by the Administration and relocated within the Municipality where the pasture is situated.

(ii) Second pasture privileges will be given to all other bona fide farmers located within the Municipality or Municipalities in which the pasture is located.

- (iii) If the pasture can carry additional livestock, the pasture privileges may be extended into adjoining Municipalities on the basis of need up to the carrying capacity of the pasture.
- (iv) In order that the pasture privileges may be extended to as many residents as possible, the Advisory Committee shall set a maximum number of livestock to be accepted from any one person. This maximum may be varied according to local conditions.
- (v) All applications for pasture privileges must be received not later than March 15 of each year and shall be passed upon at the first meeting of the Advisory Committee subsequent thereto.

### 3. Annual Meeting

(a) The Annual Meeting of the Community Pasture Grazing Association shall be held as soon as possible after June 1 each year. The place, time and date shall be arranged by the said Administration.

(b) Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be considered sufficient when public notices have been posted up in the local Post Office and two other conspicuous places at least two full weeks prior to date set for the meeting.

(c) Procedure of Annual Meeting will be as follows:

- (i) Meeting to be called to order by Chairman of the Advisory Committee.
- (ii) Reading and adoption of the Minutes of previous organization or annual meeting.
- (iii) Presentation and adoption of Annual Financial Report. (Financial Report will be for year ending March 31, and will be presented and explained by a representative of the said Administration).
- (iv) New business and other speakers.
- (v) Election of Advisory Committee for ensuing year.
- (vi) Adjournment.

### 4. Membership in the Association

Membership in the Association and voting privileges shall be restricted to those who have utilized the pasture and paid their pasture fees during the current or the preceding year.

### 5. Breeding Policy

(a) The Government of Canada will supply all bulls required for community pastures on a rental basis. The maximum number of cows that any one patron may breed under this service will be 35 per cent of the total number of cattle he has in the pasture or ten head, whichever is the greater number. Bulls will not be provided to service over 35 head of cows for any one patron.

(b) The bull service charge shall be set by the said Administration and revenue accruing from this source will be credited to pasture earnings.

(c) The rental charge shall be based on the market price of bulls from year to year, and will be established by the said Administration, such rental to be charged as an operating cost against each pasture.

### 6. Conditions Governing the Acceptance of Livestock

(a) The pasture patron relieves and discharges Her Majesty the Queen of and from all claims and demands of any nature whatsoever arising from injury to or loss of livestock placed in the Community Pasture. In case of loss of any animal, no pasture fees will be charged for that animal. It shall be the responsibility of the pasture manager to refuse to accept for pasturage any animal or animals whose condition shall be considered as detrimental to the health of the other animals in the pasture.

(b) All livestock placed in the pasture not bearing the recorded brand of the pasture patron shall be branded and eartagged by the Government of Canada for identification purposes at the community pasture branding chute.

(c) Cattle brought to the pasture and considered by the pasture manager not immune to blackleg will be inoculated with blackleg vaccine.

(d) The pasture manager will, if necessary, dehorn animals in accordance with the recommendation covering this matter passed at the organization meeting. Dehorning, branding, castrating and inoculating will be done only at patron's risk and the patron agrees to render all assistance required.

(e) For management operations, such as roundup, branding, castrating, vaccinating, and breeding pasture program, etc., all such plans will be decided between the pasture committee and the manager.

(f) All fees on mature cattle and horses will be computed on a daily basis beginning on recorded date of entry. Fees and service charges on other and all classes of stock will be in accordance with the current Rate Schedule. A MINIMUM GRAZING CHARGE OF \$4.00 PER HEAD FOR HORSES, \$3.00 PER HEAD FOR CATTLE, AND 30 CENTS PER HEAD FOR SHEEP, WILL BE LEVIED AGAINST ANY OF THESE ANIMALS RECORDED FOR PASTURAGE. The patron may be allowed seven (7) days grace (free of charge) when taking delivery of any animal, if by force of circumstances the pasture manager is unable to make delivery of the animals in question within the date period.

(g) The breeding fee will be charged on all cows placed in the breeding pasture.

(h) The end of the Community Pasture fiscal year is March 31. Any pasture patron desiring to leave stock in the pasture beyond that date must pay forthwith all fees owing up to that date.

(i) The patron upon inquiry will be advised of the Fall roundup dates. Where no roundup dates are set, patrons must give the pasture manager seven (7) days notice when wishing to take delivery of their stock. This will be a matter of mutual arrangement between the patron and the pasture manager, depending upon pasture operations at that time.

The final summer roundup will take place not later than October 31, and the patron or his representative must be present to pay fees and take delivery of livestock. Livestock will be held until fees are paid and any livestock not taken out or otherwise arranged for at the fall roundup will be held and if not redeemed will be disposed of according to law. The pasture manager is held directly responsible for the collection of all fees before stock is taken from the pasture.

Any change or modification of the aforesaid conditions, rules or regulations must have the approval of the Minister of Agriculture for the Government of Canada.

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